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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finow airfield
    between 7 and 20 March 1954:

    7 to 13 March. On several days swept-back jet fighters practiced local
    flying, elements of twos and in wedge formation.

    16 and 17 March. There was the same air activity as described above.

    20 March. There were individual flights and flying by elements of two.
    Between 10:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., 10 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were aloft,
    while 3 aircraft of the same type were counted at the eastern edge and
    25 at the northern edge of the field. Six Yak-11s
                        and 21 additional aircraft composed of MiG-15s
    and Yak-11s were parked at the northern edge of the field. Aircraft Nos
    1176, 1432 and 2455 were identified.[1]

2. On 20 March, the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the
    field was vacated. Just north of the emplacement, a van-like truck with
    a 7-section directional aerial was observed.[2]

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4. Between 13 and 15 March, no air activity was observed from Eberswalde. On
    16 March, 4 MiG-15s were parked at the eastern end of the runway. There
    was no air activity at 4 p.m. Between 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. on 17 March,
    swept-back jet fighters made individual local flights. The aircraft did
    not retract their landing gears and landed again after about 5 minutes.[1]

5. On 16 March, 6 AA guns were emplaced in the southeastern corner of the field.[3]
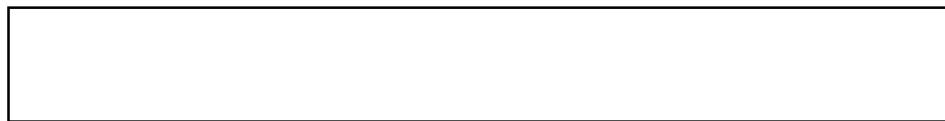
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25X1A 1. [ ] Comment. Finow airfield is occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments, equipped with a total of about 60 MiG-15s. Aircraft No 1176 was reported previously, while aircraft Nos 1432 and 2455 are reported for the first time.

25X1A 2. [ ] Comment. The set observed near the AA gun emplacement is of type-Rus-2. 25X1

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